

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20, 22, 24, and 25 are currently pending in the present application; Claims 21 and 23 are canceled; Claims 1, 5, and 16 are amended; and Claims 24 and 25 are added by the present amendment. Support for the amendment is found in the original Claims 21 and 23. Support for new Claim 24 is found in original Claims 1 and 2 and support for new Claim 25 is found in original Claim 3. Thus, no new matter is added and no new issues are presented for review.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to for an informality; Claims 1, 16, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Lee (U.S. Patent 6,348,682); and Claims 2-15, 17-19, 21, and 23 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

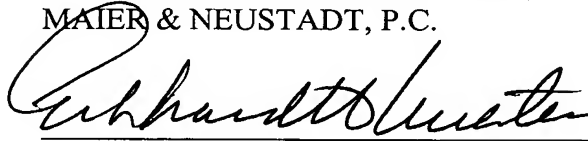
In light of Claims 1 and 16 being amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claims 21 and 23, respectively, the rejection to Claims 1, 16, 20, and 22 is moot.

Furthermore, new Claims 24 and 25 are based upon Claim 2 which was indicated as having allowable subject matter. Thus, no new issues are presented for review.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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